



Newsletter Spring 2019

Commodore's Comments.

Welcome to a new season and a new look for the newsletter! Our AGM back in the distant past of November last year threw up several great suggestions which the committee have been busy developing. One of those ideas was to refresh the way we presented our club so that who we are and what we do is clearer. It's all about spreading the word and getting new members for our great club.

We had a letter published in the March edition of Yachting Monthly, from which we have about a number of serious enquiries about membership. Some have said that they had sailed the East Coast for years and did not know about us. Clearly we have more work to do to promote our club and a new set of publicity materials is being printed, along with the 2019 year book, ready for the Fitting Out Supper on the 13th April.

This year's Fitting Out Supper promises to be a treat. Rose has worked with the RNSYC to produce an exciting menu and our speaker is the renowned writer Julia Jones. Details of menu and speaker have already gone out to you but I have also included them in this newsletter and I look forward to seeing you there.

We have re-negotiated our affiliation arrangement with the RNSYC which has resulted in much improved benefits for our club - see below.

Finally, I want to thank, on behalf of all of you, the winter working party. A summary of their work getting Explorer ready for another season is included but modestly does not reflect the many days spent on the hard at the RNSYC this winter.

James



Explorer

I'm pleased to report that Explorer will be lifted in on time on 29th March (unlike last year!). Much work has gone into the boat again over the winter. In addition to all the usual stuff, the engine came out and new coolant drain fitted, heat exchanger removed, stripped and cleaned and hoses replaced. Two windows are being disassembled and re sealed, the sliding hatch has been repaired, the engine seacock micro switch is being replaced, the anemometer is being overhauled again, bilge pumps stripped and serviced, a table is under assembly, a new sprayhood has been fitted, the main winch capstans are being re textured and chromed and most of the interior has been re varnished.

I'd like to thank Arthur, Adrian, Colin, Robin and Sarah, Cliff, Helen, Alexander, John B, John D, Joe, Nick and Andy for their help and expertise over the winter.

Ian Winters



Explorer Cruise update.

There has been a strong response and we have been able to put together a seven week cruise. A few details are to be confirmed but in outline we are doing the following. –

When	What / Where (ish)	Skipper
Sat 22/6 > Tue 25/6	Delivery Orwell > Poole	Cliff
Tue 25/6 > Sun 30/6	Cruise Poole > Brixham	Colin
Sun 30/6 > Sun 7/7	Cruise Brixham > Falmouth	Arthur
Sun 7/7 > Sat 20/7	Cruise Falmouth > Falmouth	Cliff
Sat 20/7 > Sat 27/7	Cruise Falmouth > Plymouth	Richard
Sat 27/7 > Sat 3/8	Cruise Plymouth >	Catherine

	Weymouth	
Sun 4/8 to Sun 11/8	Cruise Weymouth > Brighton	Peter
Thu 15/8 > Sun 18/8	Delivery Brighton to Orwell	?

We look to have been able to accommodate all the club members who expressed an interest although a couple of these have yet to be confirmed.

There are a few opportunities left to join in. Contact James or me for more details -

- There is the opportunity to insert an extra week starting Sun 11/8 which could be a relaxed return delivery maybe taking in the northern French ports (Boulogne is well worth a visit), and the North Kent coast. This requires a skipper and crew.
- There is a skipper and crew vacancy for the return delivery. Nominally this is 15th August for four days but that could be changed.
- We could take one or two more crew for the outbound delivery, 22nd June to 25th June. This will be a good one if you are looking for log book miles as the trip is about 200nm, you will get some night hours, and some Coastal Skipper qualifying legs.

Best wishes,

Cliff Pountney

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Ploes

We have 8 weeks booked for Ploes and two more potential weeks I am confident that we are already well on the way towards a good season for Ploes. There are weeks free in the Spring but the Autumn is now well booked

The repair work on Ploes is progressing, she was assessed by the Surveyor on Monday March 11th and I have now received a brief copy of his report, she has been cleared as free of Osmosis. For the last few weeks they have been using heaters to remove the last small packets of Osmosis. The cast iron keel had some rust, it has been stripped and primed, then fibre glassed it is now gleaming, all part of major work to the underwater areas of Ploes

The Headsail Furler has been repaired, several screws were missing and causing friction, they have been replaced. The Bow Thruster has been refurbished, plus the Starter Motor and Alternator have been striped and checked. A new log sender is ready to be fitted, it is recommended that we only install the sender when we are sailing, it gets covered in barnacles within a few months, I will look at doing this, a flap covers the opening while the sender is inserted and removed and before the dummy sender is inserted.

By the April FOS I expect Ploes will be back in the water and I will be able to give a full report on the repairs, at the moment we have paid for part of the repairs and await the full cost of the bill. Once she is back in the water we will have to pay for another 6 months in the marina, at the moment we are saving money with her in the yard while she is being repaired.

I am expecting to go out to Fethiye in early April to fit numerous detail improvements, once Ploes is back in the water I can organise this. One of the tasks is to fit the new LCD display for the Autohelm, this has been very difficult to read for several years.

See photos at

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/Tv5G14mjfDzJhird8>

Peter



Membership

Many thanks to all those who have paid their subscriptions for this year and may I give a gentle reminder to those yet to do so.

Our recruitment campaign continues. The new publicity materials will be available soon and our attendance at selected boat shows on the East Coast will continue. So far this year we have signed up for:

The Norfolk Boat Jumble 14th April (day after the FOS)

The Woodbridge Regatta on Sunday 23rd June..... always a fun event and we get a high level of interest,

We would like to go to:

The Suffolk Boat Jumble 16th June

The Great Yarmouth Maritime festival 7th -8th September

If you know of any other local events or regattas please let me know - the most successful method of recruitment remains word of mouth so please ask for some publicity materials to be sent to you and spread the word!

We have renegotiated our affiliation arrangement with the RNSYC and, with the help of John Bird, we have secured the following benefits:

- 15% discount on food, beverage and accommodation (not including function bookings such as the FOS and LUS)
- Two Parking Permits – a great help to the winter working party
- Two Gate cards – also a help to the winter working party
- 4 nights free accommodation – useful for committee members who travel long distances for meetings
- Continued discount on our mooring fees and use of the meeting room
- KSSC members are also entitled to attend the RNSYC social events – we will try to let members know well in advance but they are also on the RNSYC website.

Many thanks to John for his negotiation skills in getting these benefits for us.

Rose Parnell



Fitting out Supper

The KSSC Fitting Out Supper 13th April 2019

7-30pm for 8-00pm at the RNSYC

Our Guest Speaker is the renowned author Julia Jones.



A lucky find in her attic saw Julia editing and publishing her 21 year old father's reflections on 1939 in the nautical title "The Cruise of Naromis" (2017). It is his account of a cruise to the Baltic in 1939 and a very narrow escape on the eve of WW2. "It is an ordinary summer's cruise at an extraordinary time". Written up whilst he served in the Royal Navy it remained unpublished until Julia's find. Julia has written many books including the Strong Winds series (often referred to as a contemporary Swallows and Amazons). Julia is also the owner of Arthur Ransome's boat Peter Duck.

If you would like to join us for dinner, the cost is £25 (dress smart casual) a full menu can be found on our website www.kessingland-seasailingclub.uk or email us at admin@kessingland-seasailingclub.uk. Alternatively you can book at the office at RNSYC. If you just wish to join us to hear Julia that's fine too - turn up at 9-00pm (ish) - we ask for a voluntary contribution of £5 towards club expenses. We look forward to seeing you!



Website and Facebook

The website is proving very useful, it is an easy place for us to all to find the Club documents and to check the calendar for bookings on the yachts, there is also a wealth of previous newsletters and information about the club. The photo albums of previous sailing trips on the club yachts are well worth a visit; if anyone has photos of the yacht trips then they are always gratefully received. We have an exciting year ahead and there will be a lot more on the website during the year.

<https://www.kessingland-seasailingclub.uk/>

Facebook

The Facebook is a lightly used website, it is a private group so we only see our members posts. It is well worth joining because any new information added on the website gets advertised on our Facebook Group, this then reminds us to look at that new information on the website. We are always keen to get any more information for members, it will help make the site an interesting and must go to place for us all.

To find the site search on Facebook for Kessingland Seasailing and then request to join the closed group, we also have two public sites that have less information to allow people to find us.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/402855803408838/>

Peter



Miscellany

Easier bookings – It has never been easier to make a booking on either boat. The bookings are kept on the website, so just go to the calendar on the Go Sailing page and check if a boat is available, then email admin@Kessingland-seasailingclub.uk requesting your chosen dates. Of course you can call Ian Winters for Explorer bookings 01603891758 or Peter Girven for Ploes Bookings 02380274499.

Pin Mill SC – we are linking up with Pin Mill SC via Sara Hopkinson to run a “Try Sailing” day part of an RYA initiative. A date has been set for the 18th May. We are looking for a skipper and a crew to sail Explorer from SYH to Pin Mill, spend the day taking some people out and return the boat to SYH at the end of the day. Of course there will no charge for the boat that day. Contact us on the email below.

Skills days – We would like to respond to a request from some members to have an opportunity to develop their sailing skills. One suggestion is we form a group of those wanting to take part, organise a day/weekend and then link with a skipper who would be willing to lead the day. If you would like to join such a group then contact us on the email below.

Ploes as a house boat- We have not had any bookings for a long while but if any club member would like to use Ploes as a base, a weekly rate of £150 is hard to beat! Email us if you are interested.

Trial sails – We now have a number of people who are interested in joining the club and want to take us up on the offer of a trial sail. We need volunteer skippers who can take a number of our prospective members sailing for the day. If you can help-email the club at admin@kessingland-seasailingclub.uk

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